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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the annual growth target fixed for agriculture sector during the financial years 2015-16 and 2016-17 and the extent to which the targets have been achieved;

(b) whether the State Governments have implemented the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) as per the guidelines of the scheme;

(c) if so, whether the Government has played its role in checking and implementing the schemes effectively at national level;

(d) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General of India have drawn the attention of the Government towards certain drawbacks of the schemes in its State-wise review; and

(e) if so, whether the Government proposes to chalk out any effective policy for meeting the annual growth target of the Agriculture sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (c): Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) was launched during 2007-08 to provide Additional Central Assistance to states to incentivize them to increase their investment in agriculture and allied sectors to achieve 4% annual growth in this sector during XI plan period. No specific annual growth target has been fixed for agriculture sector under the scheme during the particular financial years 2015-16 and 2016-17. As per the Provisional Estimates of Annual National Income 2015-16 and Quarterly Estimate of GDP released on 31.05.2016, the growth (over the previous year) in the Gross Value Added (GVA) of agriculture and allied sector during 2015-16 is 1.2% at 2011-12 prices. The scheme is being implemented in all states as per the guidelines of the scheme and monitored through web-based Management Information System. The state-wise allocation and release of funds since inception of the scheme is given at Annexure.
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(d) & (e): Yes, Madam. Comptroller and Auditor General of India have reported certain shortcomings in implementation of the scheme in the states during 2007-08 to 2012-13. Government of India has already revised the scheme guidelines for implementation from the financial year 2014-15 of the XII Plan to make implementation of the scheme more effective in the states. As per the revised guidelines of the scheme, states are required to constitute State Level Project Screening Committee (SLPSC) headed by Agriculture Production Commissioner or any other officer nominated by Chief Secretary for screening RKVY project proposals prepared by various departments of the state for its suitability, its linkage to District Agriculture Plans (DAPs) and State Agriculture Plan (SAP) and its adherence to the RKVY guidelines before the projects are placed before the State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) headed by the Chief Secretary of the concerned states for approval.